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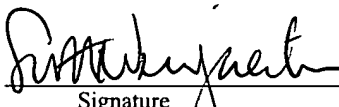
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The enclosed PCT reference WO 99/26153 A2 contains the published application without the International Search Report. The enclosed PCT reference WO 99/26153 A3 contains the International Search Report.

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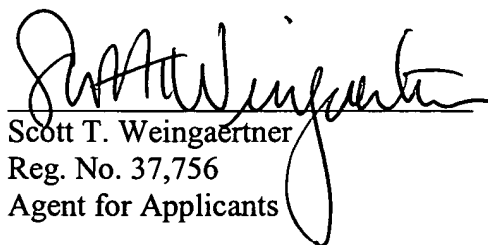
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Respectfully submitted,



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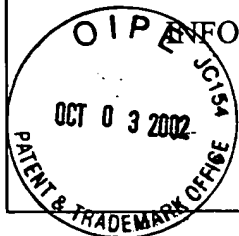
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